



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Hurricane Sandy Volunteer Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy devastated portions of the Caribbean, the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States, and struck Rhode Island on October 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in response to the devastation, over 2,200 volunteers signed up on the Serve Rhode Island website to assist with response to Hurricane Sandy and more than 900 volunteers have served over 1,250 volunteer days and 5,800 hours of service participating in recovery projects; and

WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 specialists took damage reports and provided information to callers impacted by the storm and shelter workers assisted the Red Cross in providing respite to those who evacuated or lost power; and

WHEREAS, volunteer food inspectors/observers went into local restaurants that lost power during the storm to ensure food safety standards were being followed; and

WHEREAS, Serve Rhode Island's Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts have been covered in 11 major media stories and mentioned frequently on the radio and television news; and

WHEREAS, Serve Rhode Island's clean up projects in Westerly are done in collaboration with the Misquamicut Business Association and the Greater Westerly Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Washington Trust contributed to the cost of bussing volunteers into the impacted area and recruiting their staff to participate in the clean ups; the Salvation Army provided their Canteen Truck to feed volunteers in Westerly; the Jonnycake Center of Westerly provided a box truck for securing supplies and a contribution to the costs of bussing; the Pawtucket Housing Authority and Camp Aldersgate housed national response teams; the RI Community Food Bank provided food for the National Civilian Community Corps River 7 Team who assisted in the clean up efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2012 as Hurricane Sandy Volunteer Appreciation Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 12th day of December, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor